

Appln. No. 10/825,472
Response to Office Action of August 21, 2006

Docket No. 98204.00024

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This response addresses the restriction/election requirement dated, August 21, 2006. Currently, claims 1-24 are pending in this application, and stand restricted.

I. Restriction/Election

In the present case the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a pharmaceutical agent (class 530, subclass 300); or Group II, claims 18-24, drawn to a method of treatment (class 514, subclass 2). The Examiner finds that restriction is necessary because the method of treatment does not require the pharmaceutical agent of Group I.

The Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-17, for examination on the merits. However, Applicant notes that the withdrawn process claims may be rejoined if the product claims are ultimately found allowable, and the process claims are commensurate in scope.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant honestly believes that all aspects of the present Office Action have been sufficiently addressed and submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that a one-month extension of time is required for entry of the current response and hereby respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please accept this as authorization to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-3569 in the amount of \$60.00 for a one-month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). In the event that any fee has been inadvertently overlooked and is required, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

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